

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of Entry in Register:	14 June 1995
Name of Applicant/Court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Bondage Interludes Vol. 2
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Medium:	Film Poster
Format:	Video Slick
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Running time:
	Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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OFLC Ref: 000873

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on:

Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video slick contains photographs of naked women in association with equipment used for torture. In three small photographs, women are in positions implying torture. The association with torture is implicit, rather than explicitly shown, and there is no close-up focus on expressions of pain or discomfort. However, the fact that these women are tied up in devices associated with punishment lends a degrading tone to the video slick. This is emphasised by the female nudity throughout the cover, which sexualises the punishment. There are overtones of sexual violence and sado-masochism. Overall, the video slick presents the torture of women as sexual entertainment.

The submission on behalf of the importer states that the importer intends the publications for personal use only. However, in view of the matters discussed above, the Classification Office is of the opinion that any form of availability of the video slick would be likely to be injurious to the public good. Accordingly, the video slick is classified as objectionable.